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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAM T. FRIEL

August 11, 2006

Ms. Andrea Nixon, Clerk Cable Television Division One South Station Boston, MA 02110

Re: Massachusetts DTE Cable Division - Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Nixon:

At its meeting on August 8, 2006 the Board of Selectmen voted to issue a letter to the Department of Telecommunication and Energy in opposition of the proposal by Verizon to amend the current rules and regulations governing the Cable Television Licensing Process.

The Canton Board of Selectmen is strongly opposed to changing the licensing period to 90 days. Also, other proposed changes in the Board's opin on do not serve the public interest. These proposed changes would effectively remov: the local licensing authority (the Board of Selectmen) from the licensing process and would substantially harm a proven effective local licensing process. Changes contemplated would essentially undermine the Boards responsibility to best serve the publi: interest via the licensing process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should require any further information pertaining to this issue, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

William T. Friel. Town Administrator

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Jim Sims, Chairman, Canton Cable Advisory Committee Peter J. Epstein, Epstein & August, LLP